

Cuban boxing celebrates good record against professionals

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Cuban boxer Andy Cruz delivers a left jab; Cuban boxing celebrates good record against professionals

Havana, June 12 (RHC)-- Andy Cruz sealed on a high note the balance of seven wins and a draw signed by Cuban boxing, which exhibited great physical shape in six-round fights against professionals gathered in the Mexican city of Aguascalientes.

The double universal light welterweight king defeated Miguel "El Títere" Vázquez 2-1 in the conclusive duel of a program that became a farewell to the preparation carried out there by the Cuban army for the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Andy did not believe in the trajectory of an opponent who won the World Boxing Council crown in 2010, and gave himself the necessary closing to silence the hosts at the Palenque of the famous Feria Nacional de San Marcos.

With the actions leveled after four acts, he found the formula to make an "old fox" like Vazquez fail, projected his attack with greater precision and ended up tipping the scales in his favor by projecting superiority.

Televised by ESPN, the evening showed the level of the men coached by Rolando Acebal, who were back in the international competitive activity from which they had been absent for more than a year.

In the middle of a tour that previously took them to Germany and in the next few hours will continue in Holland, the Antillean team imposed authority since the supercomplete Dainier Peró was a nightmare for Edgar Ramirez who had been ahead in two previous confrontations.

A hammering right jab was key to the outcome with which the Pan American champion made a mockery of his lower body weight and left the scene ready for captain Julio Cesar La Cruz to act as the executioner of Julian "El Pitbull" Fernandez.

The Olympic gold medalist of Rio de Janeiro 2016 "let loose" after the first episode to make it clear that the promotion to the cruiserweight division left intact his skills for dodging, movement and speed in punching, a combination with which he minimized his opponent.

That dissertation gave way to the now semi-complete Arlen Lopez, and the also leader under the five rings dispatched in just one act to the seasoned American Oscar "The Monster" Rioja, injured in his left superciliary arch after impacts to which he did not respond in tune with what was expected.

What could be the main unknown for Cuba was cleared minutes later when the inexperienced medium Yoennis Feliciano Hernandez "walked" the Venezuelan Alfonso "El Ruso" Flores with more and better punches.

The questionable penalty decreed by the referee in the last round deprived of a perfect score to the only member of his team still lacking Olympic quota, but this did not detract one iota from the work that projected him in full development.

The 2017 world champion Yosbany Veitía also joined the party without surprises, protagonist of a credit forged in the whole line to the detriment of Emmanuel "El Veneno" Domínguez, in a clash agreed for the 55 kilograms.

Supported by the technique with which he took three times to the top of the planet, the featherweight Lazaro Alvarez imposed the rhythm to clearly get rid of Mario "El Triturador" Diaz, and demanded to the maximum the welterweight Roniel Iglesias signed a draw with Jose Miguel Borrego.

The London 2012 Olympic number one accepted the challenge of exchanging abundantly with an opponent who handled very well the hooks in the short distance, and this enhanced the significance of his response capacity, beyond the judges' decision.

HERE THE RESULTS

+91: Dainier Peró (CUB) 3-0 (60-54, 60-54, 60-54, 60-54) to Edgar Ramirez (MEX)

91: Julio Cesar La Cruz (CUB) 3-0 (60-54, 60-54, 60-54, 60-54) to Julian Fernandez (MEX)

81: Arlen Lopez (CUB) ABA-1 to Oscar Rioja (USA)

76: Yoenli Feliciano Hernandez (CUB) 3-0 (59-54, 59-54, 59-54) to Alfonso Flores (VEN)

55: Yosbany Veitía (CUB) 3-0 (60-54, 59-55, 60-54) to Emmanuel Domínguez (MEX)

57: Lázaro Álvarez (CUB) 3-0 (60-54, 60-54, 59-55) to Mario Díaz (MEX)

69: Roniel Iglesias (CUB) 1-1 (57-57, 58-56, 56-58) with Jose Miguel Borrego (MEX)

63: Andy Cruz (CUB) 2-1 (57-56, 56-57, 58-55) to Miguel Vazquez (MEX)

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